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SUBJ: MARINE EXPOSITION'S ADVANCE MAN'S PROPOSED VISIT TO
ABU DHABI.

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1. TIMING OF PROPOSED VISIT TO ABU DHABI OF PROPOSED MARINE
EXPOSITION TO THE NEAR EAST ADVANCE MAN GUY WILLETTS OF WORLD
MARKETING SERVICES MAKES NO, REPEAT NO SENSE. WILLETTS FORESEES
BEING IN ABU DHABI ONLY DURING ONE (WEEKEND HERE BEGINS AT NOON ON
THURSDAY) BUSINESS HOURS, REPEAT HOURS. THAT LENGTH OF TIME IS USE-
LESSLY SHORT FOR SERIOUS EFFORT. DAY HE PLANNED TO
ARRIVE, USDOC WATER RESOURCES TRADE MISSION ARRIVES IN DUBAI AND DAY
AFTER HE PLANNED TO LEAVE, MISSION COMES TO ABU DHABI.
OUR RESOURCES WILL BE STRETCHED THIN OVER WEEKEND
THAT WILLETTS ENVISIONS HIS STAY HERE. FOR THESE
REASONS, WE SUGGEST THAT WILLETTS RE-SCHEDULE VISIT AFTER HIS LAST
STOP IN JIDDA. IF WILLETTS PERSISTS IN JAN. 13-15 VISIT, HE SHOULD BE
CAUTIONED TO EXPECT TO SLEEP IN FOURTH RATE HOTEL, (BEST THAT LIKELY
TO BE AVAILABLE ON TWO WEEK NOTICE).

2. WE NOTE THAT "POST ASSISTANCE" NOT EXPECTED. IF
WILLETTS ADHERES TO SCHEDULE, ABU DHABI VISIT WILL BE
USEFUL TO HIM FOR EYEBALL TOUR OF PORT AND LITTLE ELSE. WE
WILL BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE IN MAKEING SHIP VISIT FIRST CLASS
OPERATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING WILLETTS IF HE CAN
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COME WHEN UAE BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS ARE IN THEIR OFFICES, AND EMB
OFFS ABLE TO HELP.
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